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SUBJECT: MOBUTU STATE VISIT

REF: KINSHASA 176

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE WAS GIVEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY WARM RECEIPTION DURING HIS THREE-DAY STATE VISIT TO LIBERIA JANUARY 14-16. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 SPECTATORS LINED THE ROUTE FROM THE AIRPORT INTO MONROVIA TO GREET MOBUTU. THE CITY WAS SPRUCED UP FOR HIS VISIT AND DOZENS OF ZAIREAN FLAGS LINED THE MAJOR STREETS OF MONROVIA. PRIOR TO MOBUTU'S VISIT SPECIAL LEGISLATION WAS PASSED EMPOWERING TOLBERT TO CONVEY HONORARY LIBERIAN CITIZENSHIP ON VISITING DIGNITARIES AND MUCH WAS MADE OF THE FACT THAT MOBUTU WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO BE SO HONORED. A SERIES OF TOURS, RECEPTIONS, AND A STATE BANQUET FILLED MOBUTU'S SCHEDULE. THE GOL EXERTED ITSELF TO RECIPROCATE TO MOBUTU THE WARM RECEPTION GIVEN TOLBERT DURING HIS STATE VISIT TO ZAIRE LAST NOVEMBER.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND THE MEDIA STRESSED THE SIMILARITIES IN TOLBERT'S AND MOBUTU'S VIEWS ON MANY DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. THE PRESIDENT REITERATED THEIR CALLS FOR JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DEVELOPMENT AT HOME. TOLBERT URGED ALL AFRICAN STATES TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO MOBUTU'S PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF AN AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, AN AFRICAN ENERGY COMMISSION AND AN AFRICAN PLANNING INSTITUTE.

2. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE  
DEPARTURE OF MOBUTU, HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

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